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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 13, 1999, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice to its presentation in a continuation patent application.